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1950 FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION VOLUME ON GDR INLAND WATERWAYS

This report consists of a table based on two statistical reports dealing with the 1950 freight volume on the inland waterways of the German Democratic Republic. One of these reports, hereafter referred to as Report A, was entitled Gueterverkehr auf den Binnenwasserstraessen der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik im Jahre 1950 (Freight Traffic on the Inland Waterways of the German Democratic Republic in 1950). It was published by the Central Statistical Office of the State Planning Commission and was based on data furnished by the Directorate General of Water Transport. The other report, hereafter Report B, was entitled Graphische Darstellung der Transportplanabwicklung 1950, Reichsbahn und Schifffahrt (Graphic Presentation of the Development of the 1950 Transportation Plan for Reichsbahn and Water Transport) and was compiled by the GDR Ministry of Transportation. It covered railroad as well as water transport statistics, and it may probably be assumed that the data on water transport volume was furnished by the Directorate General of Water Transport, which is directly subordinate to the Ministry of Transportation. The commodities covered in the two reports do not coincide completely, Report A giving a more detailed breakdown in most instances.

The table is designed to point up the discrepancies between these two reports, both covering the same subject, during the same period, apparently from the basic data, and thus serve as an example of the limitations of certain statistics published in the GDR and the necessity for using them with caution. It may also be helpful for evaluating inland waterway capacity in the GDR.

Report A refers to Report B, mentioning that the latter is based on data of freight dispatched (whereas Report A lists both freight dispatched and freight received). It explains the difference between the two reports on the item of total freight volume (11,765,738 tons, as compared to 14,309,510 tons) by pointing out that Report B does not include transports from West Berlin to the Western occupation zones and to foreign countries, nor transports from these areas to West Berlin. It also includes only incomplete data on freight received in the GDR from the Western occupation zones and foreign countries and on transit traffic.

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In preparing the following table, the monthly tonnage figures for the most important commodities in Report B were totaled and compared with annual data on corresponding commodity groups in Report A. In the latter data, figures on transit traffic have been included wherever available. In such cases the included transit traffic data has also been listed separately under "Remarks."

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## 1950 Freight Transportation Volume on GDR Inland Waterways

According to

Report A		Report B		Remarks (referring to Report A)
Tons	Commodity	Commodity	Tons	
14,309,510	Total	Total	11,765,738	
1,825,879	Black coal			1,256*
225,235	Raw brown coal			7,799*
839,467	Brown coal briquettes			
2,890,581		Coal	2,200,918	Does not include coke
6,648	Calcium fertilizer			
13,131	Phosphate fertilizer			
229,014	Potassium fertilizer			62,917*
7,419	Nitrogen fertilizer			
13,102	Animal and other natural fertilizer			
269,314		Fertilizer	56,402	
550,000	Natural stone			140*
4,019,505	Dirt, gravel, sand			11,253*
15,831	Lime and gypsum (except for fertilizing)			
253,308	Cement, mortar			79,414*
626	Concrete building products			
517,965	Artificial stone, slabs, pipes			
5,357,225		Construction material	4,016,454	

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1,250,852	Timber, above 1.5 m length	3,769*
16,921	Pulpwood	No transit freight
5,848	Pit props	No transit freight
84,316	Other unfinished wood,	
	wood waste	
2,024	Wooden ties	24,580*
119,961	Lumber	
1,479,922	Wood	1,447,718
104,800	Potatoes	Potatoes and vegetables 104,712
		No transit freight
492,080	Wheat, spelt	14,093*
480,472	Rye	1,408*
61,946	Barley	757*
42,026	Oats	No transit freight
3,354	Corn	No transit freight
796	Rice	
1,080,674	Grain	870,267
325,073	Sugar beets	Sugar beets 325,073
		No transit freight, no export, no import
81,049	Sugar, unrefined	No transit freight
153,235	Sugar, refined	66,925*
234,204	Sugar	155,497
8,475	Crude oil, crude black and brown coal tar	
7,916	Benzene	
6,500	Gas oil, diesel oil, motor oil	
21,494	Other mineral oil deriva- tives	
44,385	Liquid fuels	24,592
130,004	Common salt and rock salt	Salt 90,504

\*Tons of transit freight included in corresponding figure in Column A.

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